

replaced at least a portion of the cocoa solids, sugar solids, or milk solids, or a combination thereof in the chocolate.

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9. (Amended) The confectionery product according to claim 1, wherein the fat imparts a melt-in-the-mouth sensation upon being placed in the mouth.

10. (Amended) The confectionery product according to claim 1, wherein the fat comprises cocoa butter, cocoa butter equivalent, cocoa butter replacer, crystallizable vegetable fat, and mixtures thereof.

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13. (Amended) The confectionery product according to claim 1, further comprising sugar in an amount of up to about 55% by weight of the product and wherein the vegetable solids comprise a combination of vegetables.

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34. (Amended) The confectionery product according to claim 32, further comprising a second further shaped component comprising a non-cereal vegetable paste, wherein the second further shaped component is positioned adjacent the shaped mixture in a second set configuration.

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39. (Amended) A confectionery product comprising a mixture of solid fat in an amount of at least 25% by weight, which comprises cocoa butter or a derivative thereof, vegetable fat, or a combination thereof, and about 30% to about 60% by weight of non-cereal vegetable solids comprising finely ground particles having a size of about 80 microns or less, wherein the vegetable solids are dispersed in a continuous fat phase of the solid fat which serves as a matrix, at least one cereal-based component in an amount of up to about 40% by weight, and sugar in an amount of up to about 55% by weight, wherein the product has a stable shape and a confectionery texture to the product, with fat imparting a melt-in-the-mouth sensation when the product is placed in the mouth.

40. (Amended) The confectionery product according to claim 39, wherein the non-cereal vegetable solids and fat are present in a ratio of between about 1:2 to about 3:1; the non-cereal vegetable solids comprises at least one type of vegetable preparation selected from the group consisting of dried vegetable pieces, dried vegetable powder, vegetable paste or vegetable distillate, vegetable concentrate and mixtures thereof; the fat